

Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter

July/ August 2022

From the Pastor's Desk

Summertime...and the living is easy. At least that's what the song lyrics to a certain song want us to believe. Summer makes me think of bike rides, making ice cream, meeting friends at the local playground, running through the sprinkler, having a picnic at a state park after an afternoon of kayaking, sidewalk chalk murals, backyard camping, backyard stargazing, or checking out the local county fair. Of course, it also means sunburn, mosquitoes, heat exhaustion and tornadoes, but the memories we create in the summer seem to last long into later life.

Summer is also about Vacation Bible School, and thanks to a wonderful crew of volunteers from St. Paul and Sharon Center UMC, we all had a blast! Weeks and weeks of planning, lots of volunteers, and much prayer were fruitful. Thank you to everyone who cooked, organized, planned, decorated, phoned, sang, danced and made memories for an amazing bunch of kids. Rocky Railway will be remembered for a long time. The songs linger in my mind, and I will forever remember that Jesus power helps me through life! Trust Jesus!

I'll be out of the office from June 15 through July 25. There will be a special guest preacher for July 17 and July 24 who I know you will make feel welcome. Dave and I are going to head south for some kayaking, hiking and refreshing. I'm hoping that you all will bring in a package of new underwear (socks and underwear) for "New Undie Sunday" on July 24 for homeless Veterans. I know you will be generous.

We will have a confirmation class forming in August. All kids in seventh grade or older who haven't been confirmed are welcome to join us as we learn what it means to be a Christian and a member of the United Methodist Church. If you know someone or are someone who might want to participate, let Nikki know in the office. Confirmation will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023.

So as I begin my time away, I'm reminded that God rested on the seventh day, and he calls us to leave our burdens with him, to lay down in peaceful valleys and renew our souls by the power of the Holy Spirit. May you find refreshment. Isaiah 44:3 (ESV) says, "God is the refresher and provides nourishment by pouring out His Spirit on us. The Holy Spirit is able to fill up our hungry and dry hearts. When our souls are refreshed it's like water is being poured onto a thirsty land."

Trust Jesus!

Pastor Jane



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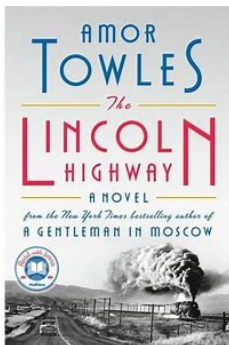
If so, we're excited to share with you all the things going on in the life of Sharon Center United Methodist Church! Our church is a community that seeks to discover more about God and about who we are as the people God loves. We are truly a family of all ages, and there's always room for more! You're always invited to take part in all the activities and gatherings listed in this newsletter, as well as to join us every Sunday morning at 10:30am as we gather to worship and connect. Thanks!



Book Club

We meet at 10:00am in the Conference Room at the Church. Please join us at any time to discuss the books.

July 9th *The Lincoln Highway* by: Amor Towles. Four boys are looking for a fresh start. Two of them are searching for their mother and two are searching for a stashed wad of cash. Sometimes their dreams are aligned but often they are not. Enjoy this adventure where you will read about trouble sparked from both good and bad intentions.



August 10th *The Gifted School* by: Bruce Holsinger. A previously happy group of friends and parents become nearly destroyed by their own competitiveness when an exclusive school for gifted children opens in the community. The novel captures the relentless ambitions and fears that animate parents and their children in modern America.

September 6th *Holdout* by: Jeffrey Kluger. This book is for all you SciFi fans. When evil forces are going unchecked on Earth, a principled astronaut makes a split-second decision to try to seek justice in the only place she knows how - the International Space Station.

~Nancy Vogel

Labyrinth News

You are welcome to walk the Labyrinth behind the church anytime or leave a prayer request on the prayer board located on the other side of the kiosk located at the Labyrinth entrance. The Sharon Center UMC Labyrinth is registered on the register of labyrinths and open 24 hours a day. We will walk the Labyrinth together during the warmer months. Check the website and newsletter for changes and updates.

Tentative schedule: (Check for updates as date gets closer)

Sunday, July 10 at 7:00 PM

Sunday, August 7 at 7:00 PM

Sunday, September 11 at 7:00 PM

Brochures about the Labyrinth and the church are located on the kiosk above the bench. All Are Welcome!

Music in the Circle

There will be music at the Sharon Center Circle throughout the summer.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the evening.

Here is the schedule:

July 16	11a-10:30p	Sharon Showcase
July 20	7p	One Fine Day
August 3	7p	TBA
August 17	7p	Yankee Bravo

School Supply Collection

School Supply Collection for the Highland Community Support Network will begin in July. Stay tuned for additional info and donation list.

Calendar

Regular Schedule:

Sun. 10:30a Worship

available on Facebook Live

July

7/7	7p	Grief Group
7/10	7p	Labyrinth Walk
7/13	7p	Leadership Team mtg
7/14	7p	Grief Group
7/16	11a-11p	Sharon Showcase
7/20	7p	Concert in Circle
7/21	7p	Grief Group
7/24		Christmas in July Service

August

8/1-8/6		Medina County Fair Week
8/3	7p	Music in Circle
8/7	7p	Labyrinth Walk
8/17	7p	Music in Circle
8/21	7p	Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday

July Anniversaries

3 - Joe & Sharon Fox

24 - Denny & Darlene Franz

25 - Dick & Jan Highman

August

Anniversaries

1 - Jeff & Shirley Graham

2- Devin & Mikayla Walkuski

7 - Cal & Bobbie Davis

11 - Nancy & Bill Baldwin

July Birthdays

- 2 - Christine Berry
Daniel Buck
Janis Mravetz
- 5 – Terry Haddix
- 6 - Whitney Harrell
- 8 - Mary Jane Winters
Raylan Boche
Hadlee Boche
Anna Boche
- 13 - Richard Nagy
- 17 - Brenda Rexroad
Oakley Kehres
- 19 - Loretta Frost
- 22 - Erin Spradlin
- 27 - Nancy Vogel
- 29 - Mary Ann Sewel
- 31 - Ashley Krautheim
Alissa Phelps

August Birthdays

- 3 - Scott Turner
Doris Burdette
Vicky Bogus
- 8 - Vern Ingersoll
- 9 - Daniel Courtright
Mason Brosch
- 10 - Bill Mravetz
Andy Pylypiak
- 15 - Mikayla Walkuski
Chloe Falconer
- 17 - Julianne Kinford
Stephen Kinford
- 19 - Dan Farnsworth
- 20 - Jim Berry
Eric Raw
- 22 - Chad Tramel
Eryn Tramel
- 24 - Paul Turner
- 28 - Lane Cline
- 31 - Janet Renner
Zack Courtright
Warren Geitgey

Foundations Team

Spiritual Growth Discussions

Bible Studies have taken a hiatus for the summer. Watch for announcements for the start of them again in September. You are encouraged to keep up your own daily private time with God. If you need some guidance with this please pick up a free copy of Our Daily Bread in the back of the sanctuary.

~ Nancy Vogel

Food Pantry Collection

We'll collect cereal in July and Jams/Jellies in August for the Food Pantry at St. Paul and for our Blessing Box. Please remember the Blessing Box in front of the church when purchasing items as well as if you find someone you know who needs some basic food items to hold them over until they are able to purchase their own. The box is open to ANYONE. Drop off an item, or pick one up, or select a book to read. Our box has been used and it is a need in our community! Spread the word!

Christmas in July Service

Christmas in July is July 24! Dress festive and we'll sing our favorite Christmas hymns!

New Undie Sunday

July 24 is also New Undie Sunday! Bring new in packages undergarments that will be donated to local organizations.

Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday

We invite all students and teachers or school personnel to join us on Sunday, August 21st for Blessing of the Backpacks! Bring your bookbag to church!

Mark your calendars!

The **Fall Foliage Tour** will be coming through this side of Medina County the weekend of Oct. 8-9 and we will be opening our doors for the tour. Please consider volunteering during this weekend's activities. We will also be showcasing a display of quilts, if you have one you would like to display, perhaps you or a family member made we'd love to hang it for the weekend.

We will have our annual **Fall Dinner** on Oct. 15. More details to follow.

Grief Group

Grief Group will continue with a summer session beginning June 9 through July 21 on Thursdays at 7pm in the Conference room.

Baptism & Confirmation

Interested in Church Membership, Baptism or Confirmation? Please contact Pastor Jane for more information. We will begin a youth confirmation class for anyone 7th grade or older. It will begin this fall and end in May of 2023.



VBS Highlights





Christmas in July

July 24
10:30am

*Dress festive and we'll be
singing Christmas carols*



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Service time: Sunday, 10:30a

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